

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 37-38, 40-41 and 43-45 are pending. Claims 37-38, 40 and 43-44 have been amended herein, and claims 27-36, 39, and 42 have been cancelled herein. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

According to the Advisory Action, the proposed claim amendments filed in Applicants' response (filed 8/22/03) to the final office action (dated 6/26/03) were not entered. However, amended claims 37-38, 40-41 and 43-45 are indicated as allowable if submitted in a separate filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. The allowable claims (in amended form) are re-submitted herein, along with the cancellation of the non-allowable claims (which will be pursued in a continuation application).

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in an allowable form, and action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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